

**CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007**

Council President Elenora Simms called the Public Session to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Council President Simms, Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr., Councilmember John B. Morris, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Brian K. Shivers.

Excused: Councilmember Reveral L. Yeargin

Absent: Councilmember Charl M. Jones

Staff: Sandra A. Yates, Acting City Administrator; Tiara Andrews, Code Enforcement Officer; Robert Ashton, Treasurer; Darlinda Sanders, Special Assistant, Economic & Community Development/Nuisance & Abatement; Louis Oliver, Public Works Foreman, Elliott S. Taylor, Chief of Police; Dashaun Lanham, Acting City Clerk

The invocation was given by Councilmember Higgs

Agenda – It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the October 2007 meeting minutes. The motion carried. Council President Simms placed the November 2007 minutes on the January 2008 Public Session agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

LaRouche PAC – Victor Falaya discussed legislation proposed by the LaRouche organization for moratorium on foreclosures. He distributed information to the council regarding the legislation.

REPORTS

City Administrator's and Department Reports.

Reports were presented from the December 2007 Management Report document (see attached).

LEGISLATION

Ordinance O-07-06, Seat Pleasant FY 2008 Budget Amendment. It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to adopt the ordinance with amendment to indicate the legislation was introduced by the Council as a whole. The motion passed unanimously.

For: Higgs, Morris, Porter, Shivers, Simms

Against: None

Abstain: None

Ordinance O-07-07, Seat Pleasant Annual Budget. It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to adopt the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

For: Higgs, Morris, Porter, Shivers, Simms

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution R-07-09, Employee Service Award Recognition Program. The resolution was referred to the Administrative Committee at the request of Councilmember Shivers, who introduced the resolution.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Ms. Pamela Boone, Seat Pleasant MD. CPAC will host a cabaret fundraiser for the SPPD on Friday, December 14th from 10:00 PM to 2:00 AM. Ms. Boone reported that she, Ms. Maxine Cobb and Ms. Angela Scott attended a Neighborhood Safety Team forum. She and Ms. Scott will also be attending Neighborhood Watch Training.

Mr. James Wright. Mr. Wright reported that the LaRouche organization is a fascist, radical organization that using populist issues to further their agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Simms reported that Seat Pleasant Day will be held on May 3, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Yates distributed a draft FY09 Budget Schedule to the City Council for review.

Councilman Shivers presented a request from the Seat Pleasant/UM Health Partnership for \$500.00 from the City towards a retirement luncheon honoring former Chair Evelyn King. The event is being held on January 19, 2008 at the Feggans Center. The Health Partnership stated that their existing funds could only be used for health-oriented projects in the City. It was moved by Councilmember Shivers and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to approve the Health Partnership request for \$500.00 to honor Mrs. King, from budget line 5226.09. The motion carried unanimously.

For: Higgs, Morris, Porter, Shivers, Simms

Against: None

Abstain: None

Ms. Yates reviewed the City's lease terms for the Seat Pleasant Activity Center to MNCPPC. The lease has not been updated since 1984.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

The CPAC Cabaret will be held on Friday, December 14, 2007 from 10:00 PM to 2:00 AM at the Feggans Center. The cost is \$20.

The Dollars for Scholars annual scholarship fundraiser cabaret will be held on Friday, December 21, 2007 from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM at the Feggans Center. The cost is \$20.

Councilmember Morris announced that he will hold a Ward V Holiday Party on Friday, December 21, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Council chambers.

Council President Simms announced that Councilman Morris' appointment as Police Chief for the Town of Fairmount Heights.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dashaun Lanham", is written over the printed name.

Dashaun Lanham
Acting City Clerk